

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/859,701 : Examiner: Foster, Christine E.  
Filed: May 16, 2001 : TC/A U: 1641  
Applicant: Warner, Benjamin P. : Confirmation No.: 4132  
Docket No.: 60184.24 : Customer No.: 27128  
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING BINDING EVENTS USING MICRO-X-  
RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETRY

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2008, entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, Petition for Extension of Time, Terminal Disclaimers and the following preliminary amendment is respectfully requested:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.